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SUBJECT: PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES IN FPJMT

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1. WE CONVEYED THOUGHTS AND VIEWS CONTAINED REFTEL TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) ON APRIL 14. ON APRIL 18 MFA TOLD US THAT AT MEETING OF GVN DELEGATION TO FPJMT ON APRIL 16 GENERAL HIEP HAD GIVEN THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS TO COLONEL SAU, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF PROCEDURES.

2. THE GVN WILL TEMPORARILY APPLY 11 POINTS ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS TO JMT WITH EXCEPTION OF POINT 5 WITH REGARD TO CONTACT WITH DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, SECOND PARAGRAPH OF POINT 8 WITH REGARD TO SIGN-BOARDS, AND POINT 11 WITH REGARD TO LIAISON FLIGHTS. ON LAST ITEM GVN WILL OFFER TO PROVIDE AIR TRANSPORTATION ON REQUEST TO COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS TO JMT IF WRITTEN ASSURANCE IS PROVIDED BY OTHER SIDE THAT (A) IT WILL NOT FIRE AT ICCS OR JMT FLIGHTS; (B) IN CASE OF ACCIDENT THE PRG WILL PERMIT UNCONDITIONAL ACCESS BY GVN RESCUE TEAM; AND (C) BOTH SIDES WILL SEND IMMEDIATELY TEAMS TO INVESTIGATE ANY ACCIDENTS. THIS ASSURANCE IS TO BE A ONE- TIME THING COVERING ALL FUTURE LIAISON FLIGHTS PROVIDED BY GVN.

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3. THIS GVN POSITION WAS FIRST PRESENTED TO THE PRG AT THE TPJMC ON APRIL 18. HOWEVER, THE PRG REFUSED TO DISCUSS IT AND RESTRICTED ITSELF TO DEMANDING REGULAR LIAISON FLIGHTS TO LOC NINH, THE FIRST ONE TO BE ON APRIL 20. GVN POSITION WAS ALSO TO BE PRESENTED TO FPJMT APRIL 19, BUT DISCUSSUIN NEVER REACHED THAT AGENDA ITEM.

4. MFA ALSO TOLD US THAT GVN HAD DECIDED TO GIVE BLANKET PERMISSION FOR ICCS PLANES AND HELICOPTERS TO FLY ANYWHERE AND NOT BE CONFINED TO AIR CORRIDORS. HOWEVER, MFA UNDERSTOOD THAT ICCS PLANNED TO HAVE ALL ITS FLIGHTS FOLLOW ROADS (AS DEMANDED BY PRG) AND THAT IT INTENDED TO PRESENT BOTH SIDES WITH COPIES OF FLIGHT PLANS FOR ALL FUTURE FLIGHTS REQUESTING ASSURANCES OF SAFE CONDUCT FOR EACH FLIGHT. GVN WAS OF THE OPINION THIS SOMEWHAT CUMBERSOME AND INTENDED TO OFFER INSTEAD A BLANKET ASSURANCE FOR ALL ICCS FLIGHTS.
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